Dear Parents,

**Level 6 Expo**
It was a pleasure to attend the Level 6 Expo on Monday to see the fantastic efforts that all the students had put into preparing their displays and presentations. It was a real indication of how the students are becoming more engaged in their investigations using their learning for a real purpose. Thanks to the Level 6 teachers, Robin, Zaim and Amanda for all the work they put in to help the students with these projects, and to the parents who came to see the students’ work.

**New Trees for our School**
We have purchased 17 advanced size Bottlebrush Trees through one of our parents, Jason Vickery, to plant along the southern boundary fence behind the double storey classrooms. This will complement the existing hedge and the native garden on the eastern side of that building. Thanks also to one of our prep parents Carmine Fusco who arranged for the digging of the holes ready for our trees to be planted. The trees have been delivered and we will need to plant them in the next few days, so if anyone has an hour or so to spare tomorrow to help plant them, it would be greatly appreciated.

**New Padding on our Goal Posts**
Thanks to one of our very hard working parents, Ray Skinner, we have managed to arrange for some brand new padding on our basketball posts to make the area much safer to play in. He negotiated with Andrew Hayne from Marshall White Real Estate (who provide us with our Marshall White School Spirit award) to pay for these in return for badging of these pads. This is a great example of what can happen when parents and community business work together for the benefit of our school. Thanks Ray and Andrew.

**Ride to School**
We had a special presentation from Bicycle Network Victoria and our local MP Michael O’Brien who came to this week’s assembly. This was in recognition of the great work our school has done to promote active transport to school. We have been entering the figures of the number of students actively coming to school and they have been rising steadily, especially since our special days such as Ride 2 School and Walk Safely to School Day. We have put the plaque that we were presented with on the school fence near the Junior Bike parking area.
**This Week’s Awards**

**Performing Arts Class 4F**

**Visual Artist  Tess Davies**

**Visual Art Class 4W**

**You Can Do It! Awards:**

- Heidi Axup 0C
- Harrison Shaw 0J
- Lucia Martin 0P
- Mia McGrory 2A
- Nicholas Nash 2E
- Rhiannon David 2J
- Taliyah Goumas 2P
- Michael Wang 2S
- Elsa Ajani 4B
- Sammy Asaka 4F
- Jett Kelly 4W
- Milla Alekna 6N
- James Gray 6W

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**Assembly next week**

Just a reminder that we finish school at 2.30 next Friday 28 June for the two week term break and we will finish with our end of term assembly at 1.45 in the MPC. Therefore there will be no assembly next Wednesday. School will resume on Monday 15 July.

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**Marshall White School Spirit Awards**

Congratulations to Jack Gatehouse and Lexi Picciani being awarded The Marshall White School Spirit Award for Terms 1 & 2. They have both shown outstanding qualities as recipients of this award which were presented at yesterday’s assembly by Andrew Hayne from Marshall White Real Estate.

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**“Council Corner”**

**June 2013**

School Council held its monthly meeting on Monday night, and it was decided that an update in the Newsletter following each meeting would provide an informative conduit between Council and the Armadale community. We believe it will assist in keeping parents and carers informed of Council decisions, issues and objectives, and give an insight into the various roles within Council.

A recurring and topical theme at Council on Monday night was the issue of school funding. Gonski or not, Armadale Primary School has been assessed by DEECD and has not received any Maintenance or Refurbishment Works funding for 2013-14. Unfortunately, our significant historic buildings continue to deteriorate and require regular maintenance, however as you can appreciate, a fundraising drive for broken roof tiles or new flashing to gutters doesn’t quite have the appeal of new playground equipment!

We are following up possible alternatives for funding with Heritage Victoria, but this provides an example where voluntary contributions to the School Building Fund, or offers of help from skilled tradespeople within the Armadale community, are so truly appreciated!

And just a reminder – there is still time to make a tax deductible donation before June 30.

The following is a recommendation voted on and carried by Council at the most recent meeting, which is a good example of our proactive Finance Sub-Committee, specifically our Treasurer Laurie Conheady at work:

*To link the level of the annual School Booklist Charge (paid at the start of each school year) to CPI increases, more specifically the education sector’s CPI.*

This ensures the school’s revenue keeps pace with its costs; removes any contentiousness with cost increases by making it an automatic logical increase, and consequently manages expectations of both parents and the School Council.

We look forward to keeping you informed of current and future happenings within School Council and please feel free to contact me or any of the Councillors if you have any queries or suggestions.

Rachel Power  
School Council President
Parents and Friends for Armadale (PFA)

Hi everyone,

**Scout Raffle** – Please return your tickets along with money in the envelope provided to your class teacher or the office. Cheques can be made out to Armadale PS.

**ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators** – nominations open.

The Scout Raffle offers some wonderful prizes. As the last fundraising activity for this term we ask you and your children to support our school and Scouts Australia. We hear the preppies are after the scooters while some mums are after the car – no surprises there! Please remember that APS retains $1.50 from each $2 ticket sold so please get behind this fundraising initiative. All monies will go toward our ‘greening of APS’ goal which includes more synthetic grass for playground areas along with seating and shade provisions.

**Nominate your favourite teacher for an award!** Our children receive recognition for their achievements throughout the year so why not recognise and reward our teachers for all the wonderful work they do too? The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) is an independent national awards program where parents, school boards/councils and students can publicly acknowledge and reward their inspirational teachers and principals.

Over the coming holidays we ask that you might discuss with your child a particular teacher who has inspired or encouraged them and take the time to go online to nominate them.

Nominating is easy. Visit the NEiTA website [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au) or call 1800 624 487 to receive a nomination form. Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEiTA Certificate of Nomination and become eligible for NEiTA State and National Awards.

These awards provide us with a wonderful opportunity to show our teachers how much we appreciate and support them. Nominations close 31 July.

Lastly, please remember there will be no assembly next Wednesday morning however a final assembly will be held before term break next Friday.

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Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick
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brigid@warwick.com.au

**Sports News**

**Level 4 & 6 House Athletics**
Tuesday 16 July

Notices were distributed to all children last week. Please remember to return the payment and permission slip by next Wednesday 26 June.

**Tommy Lahiff Cup**
Thursday 27 June for selected Level 6 children

A reminder to parents that permission and payment notices are due back at school by next Monday 24 June.

*Peter Cracknell*
*Sports Co-ordinator*

School Photos

The special photo orders from Schoolpix are at the office awaiting collection. If you have ordered one, please come to the office before the end of term.

Thank you.

**Lost Property**

Could all parents please regularly check the lost property in the MPC as we have a large amount of unclaimed clothing. We also ask that parents check the labels on clothing to make sure that their children have not inadvertently brought home the wrong child’s clothing.
Year 4 mini-mercato held on Tuesday 18 June in the Italian room

Buongiorno a tutti!

This term the Level 4s have been learning about ‘negozi’ (shops) and the products sold in various negozi.

The students have been collecting food packaging, clothing and other products from home to set up their mini-mercato. They displayed the posters they had made in class and set up their shop counters with all the products they had collected.

Each Level 4 class invited their buddy class to come and do some ‘shopping’ at the mini-mercato. The students pretended to buy and sell products, using some words and sentences in Italiano.

Grazie a tutti for visiting our mercato and complimenti Level 4s!

Buone vacanze a tutti!

Vita e Beatrice

National Solar Schools Program

The National Solar Schools Program provided funding to primary and secondary schools to install solar and other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and a range of energy efficiency measures. Our school received $40000 to install a 5kw system. Through this funding, we have received a range of benefits including: improving our energy efficiency, educating students about renewable energy through using real data from our solar power system and reducing our electricity costs

Videos that showcase environmental activities being undertaken in solar schools across Australia are available online at: http://bit.ly/14y1aFF. The Australian Government’s Living Greener website also provides some great tips for households to reduce their energy consumption. For further information go to: www.livinggreener.gov.au/energy

Level 4 Camp

A reminder to all Level 4 parents that the $50 deposit for the children attending camp is due back at school by next Friday 28 June.

Virginia Wallace
Level 4 Camp Co-ordinator

OOSHC News

♦ Holiday Program is now FULL so please contact OOSHC if you wish to go on the waiting list for a particular day.

♦ OOSHC will begin at 2:30pm next Friday for the last day of term.

♦ As of this week parents will be charged the full fee for befores and afters even if their child only attends for 15 minutes.

Vita e Beatrice
Performing Arts News

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 4F For their honesty! It is not easy to admit when you’re not being your best and that is to be admired. Keep persisting!

CHOIR 2013

COME AND TRY
This Friday will be a special choir practice with all students invited to come along and give choir a go at 8:15am.

SENIOR CHOIR will be meeting in the Performing Arts Room.
(Level 4 and 6 students)

JUNIOR CHOIR will be in the Science Room.
(Level 2 students)

Choir is an excellent opportunity to gain confidence, learn correct singing and breathing techniques, work as a team and meet new friends.
Please come along!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO choir next week as it is the last day of term!

Early Choir Arrivals
A reminder to parents to not drop off choir members before 8:10am as the Performing Arts studio and Science room will be locked and your children cannot be supervised.

If you need to bring your child to school before 8:10 please make arrangements for them to go to OOSHC.

Thank You
To all the wonderful students who have performed in Assembly this term. It has been wonderful to see how much talent Armadale has to offer.

AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC TUITION – Information provided at the office.

‘til next week,

Lauren Rich
Rich.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Visual Arts News

Canvas Painting Workshop
All students from Foundation up to Level 6 have almost finished their canvas paintings. Everyone is off to a great start!

Rightside TShirt Design Competition
There were a number of students that needed more time to complete their t-shirt designs so the collection date has been extended to Thursday 27th June. Designs will be sent off on this date to be judged by the people at Rightside. We expect the winner to be announced at the beginning of Term 3. Good luck everyone.

Art Smocks
We are doing Printing and Painting all this term so it is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks. Please ensure smocks are thick enough to prevent paint from coming through onto clothing, cotton smocks are not the best when working with wet media. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

Visual Artist of the Week
Tess Davies 2J
For the excellent monochromatic portrait she painted of an Alien. She used the colour red effectively, and used different shades of red that were mixed with white and black

Visual Art Class of the Week 4W
For their excellent listening skills and for the thoughtfulness they displayed when painting on their canvases. Keep up the excellent behaviour and fantastic effort 4W!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator

Foundation Bulletin

This week’s Level 1 bulletin for Foundation parents is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click here.

Head Lice

A number of cases of head lice have been reported throughout the school. Could all parents check their children and please advise your child’s class teacher if you find head lice.

Once treatment has commenced your child can return to school.

Visual Artist of the Week

The Founders of Armadale

Painting: A Portrait of an Alien

Visual Art Class of the Week

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Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
You Can Do It! Awards

Heidi Axup 0C  For showing lots of confidence and resilience when moving independently around the school.

Harrison Shaw 0J  For all his hard work learning numbers and counting. Wonderful improvement and a super effort!

Lucia Martin 0P  For being a confident writer when recording information about snails and slugs.

Mia McGrory 2A  For becoming an independent learner and always having a go.

Nicholas Nash 2E  For practising his active listening skills and participating positively in our class discussions.

Rhiannon David 2J  For having persistence to complete all her work to a high standard. Thanks for being a great role model to all other students in 2 J Rhiannon.

Taliyah Goumas 2P  For the persistent attitude that she displayed whilst completing multiplication activities during Mathematics.

Michael Wang 2S  For using his knowledge of the Times Tables to solve multiplication equations. Well done Michael!

Elsa Ajani 4B  For always willing to lend a hand to mentor younger classmates in I.C.T. You are an excellent teacher Elsa.

Sammy Asaka 4F  For always demonstrating a positive approach to tasks and a willingness to learn new concepts and ideas.

Jett Kelly 4W  For demonstrating great confidence when reading, and making a connection between our Science topic 'Living Things' and the text. Well done Jett!

Milla Alekna 6N  For demonstrating effective use of her time and effort to complete a wonderful, detailed project on Bushfires with Amy. Keep it up during semester 2, Milla!

James Gray 6W  For confidently educating the students, parents and teachers about "Earthquakes" at our Natural Disasters Expo. Well done James, you demonstrated fantastic knowledge!

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- Taking Risks
- Being Independent
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- Planning My Time
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We have some free tickets to this circus which is being held from 21 June to 20 July at Burnley Oval for the first 7 lucky families to answer the question: **What time do the students finish school at the end of this term?**

Please email your answer to armadale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with your child's name and class.
LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO AS A FAMILY? CHECK OUT MEETO.

Meetoo is published by a mum who personally reviews activities, classes and events specifically for children aged 0-12.

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National Tour 2013

A morning of inspiration, motivation & learning...

Popular parenting educator Michael Grose is joined by relationship-specialist Bruce Sullivan for a rare morning of learning, loving and laughter.

This very special morning will help parents:

✔ Build strong, caring & co-operative family relationships
✔ Reclaim your energy and your focus so you enjoy family life more
✔ Raise kids to be resilient including those with special needs
✔ Discover the parenting style that’s needed to raise children in these changing times
✔ Develop a common framework for raising modern kids so they feel more confident and assured as parents

Both speakers will present for 90 minutes and the morning will end on a high with a 30 minute Question & Answer session with both speakers.

Winter 2013 Holiday Program
East Hawthorn Centre

Centre Address
EAST HAWTHORN CENTRE Bialk College Gringlas Sports Centre, 407 Tooronga Rd, East Hawthorn, 3123

Program Dates
Monday 1st July – Friday 12th July 2013

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